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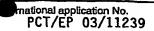
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1. Claim : 1 (part)

Conjugate according to claim 1 in which the bond is formed between OH groups of the taxane and carboxyl groups of the hyaluronic acid by means of a spacer (the group of compounds is not unitary, but could be searched without extra effort).

2. Claim : 1 (part)

Conjugate according to claim 1 in which the bond is formed between OH groups of the taxane and carboxyl groups of the hyaluronic acid without spacer.

3. Claim : 1 (part)

Conjugate according to claim 1 in which the bond is formed between OH groups of the taxane and OH groups of the hyaluronic acid.

4. Claim : 1 (part)

Conjugate according to claim 1 in which the bond is formed between OH groups of the taxane and amino groups of deacetylated hyaluronic acid.

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